

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSIT COMMISSION**

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission was established in 1961 for the purpose of regulating transportation facilities in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. The Commission was created by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact which was drawn up between Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. Maryland ratified the Compact with the adoption of Chapter 613, Acts of 1959. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District, also created by the Compact, embraces the District of Columbia, the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church and Arlington and Fairfax Counties in Virginia, and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland.

The Commission is composed of three members. One member is appointed by the Governor of Maryland, one by the Governor of Virginia, and one by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Each Commissioner serves a term coincident with his term of office on the agency from which he is selected. Maryland is at present represented by the Chairman of the Public Service Commission. The Commission selects its own officers annually.

The Commission regulates and plans for mass transit in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. It has the power to prescribe fares, regulations and practices of transportation companies and taxicabs in the area.

Traffic and Highway Board

Members from Maryland

Jerome B. Wolff, Chairman-Director, Maryland State Roads Commission; Joseph C. Kordella, Director, Public Works, Montgomery County; J. H. Marburger, Prince George's County Department of Public Works; George N. Lewis, Jr., Maryland State Roads Commission; Ben Smith, Traffic Engineer, Prince George's County; Jesse Baggett, County Commissioner, Prince George's County; John R. Jewell, Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Traffic and Highway Board of the Commission was also established by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact to assist the Commission in the regulation and improvement of mass transit in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Expenses of the Commission are allocated annually in proportion to the population of each signatory in the metropolitan area. Maryland's share is thirty-nine percent (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 257-307).

Appropriations	1967	1968
General Funds	\$78,330	\$82,320